

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

SILENT KEY

We regret to announce the passing away of Tom Dixon ZS5AD, known as "Dickie", recently. Our condolences to his wife, family and friends.

(PAUSE)

SARL news invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs to sarlnews@hotmail.com not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both English and Afrikaans.

In the news today:

JOTA SPECIAL EVENT CALLSIGNS

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CLUB NEWS

Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL. Visit the SARL Website or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

Now for the news in detail:

JOTA SPECIAL EVENT CALLSIGNS AND REGISTRATION OF EDUCATIONAL STATIONS

Please note on the following points:

- a) The onus is on the custodian of the callsign for the payment of these licences.
- b) Please send the details of these licences to Laurie ZS5DL so that he can keep the callbook up to date. There is a difference between the database kept by ICASA and that of the League.

It is September and we should already have registered our JOTA station as Educational station which is done once a year so that non-licenced people, that is Guides and Scouts, can communicate on the ham bands. Dave Gemmel ZS6AAW has volunteered to do the necessary paper work for JOTA and

would prefer to receive the forms by fax to 012 667 2153 or e-mail to davegem-mell@bkmnet.co.za.

Please send a reminder of your application not later than 12 October to the above addresses. Dave will then complete the necessary forms and submit same to the SARL before this year's JOTA.

Please note that Dave can only register stations for JOTA and not for any other special events such as Hunting Lions, High School Science days, etc.

The necessary forms for registering as an Educational Club Station can be downloaded from the SARL website.

NEW ADMIN OFFICER AT NARC

The council of the South African Radio League is pleased to announce that an administrative officer has been appointed in the post at the National Amateur Radio Centre. Administration of SARL affairs has been falling behind during the time this post has been vacant. Council also wishes to thank members for their patience and understanding during this period. The temporary admin officer, Ronnette, did her best but nobody can, in a few weeks, learn enough about the hobby and all its different aspects. The SARL also thanks Ronnette for the good work she did and for her willingness to help out at short notice. The new administrative officer is ms. Debbie Bovey. Debbie brings excellent admin skills to this job and there is no doubt that the backlog of renewals will soon be worked off. Members are requested to give her a week at least to find her feet and do something about the backlog before enquiring about their renewal status. Please bear in mind that the office is open to members on weekdays from 08:00 to 13:00 only.

To improve continuity in difficult times and also to speed up the general processing of members' requests and other work, the appointment of a second person on a part time basis is under consideration. As a change of this magnitude needs approval from council, this appointment will not be made immediately.

The SARL welcomes ms Debbie Bovey and wishes her a long and productive association with the South African Radio League and its members.

AWARDS FOR LONG MEMBERSHIP

A certificate for long membership has been awarded to all members of the SARL who have had a continuous membership of 10 years or longer. These certificates were mailed with the July/August Radio ZS.

Although the SARL has continually asked members to check their details and notify the SARL if they were omitted or had incorrect details, there are still some members of which the SARL does not have joining dates.

If you are a member of the SARL and was supposed to receive such a certificate and did not, or received a certificate with the wrong details, it is because the SARL did not receive your correct details. Please e-mail your details to

or contact Rassie at 021 460 3640 and supply your callsign and joining date. Remember that certificates will only be issued to members with a 10 year or longer membership record.

CLUB NEWS

MAGALIES RADIOKLUB

Magalies Radioamateurklub will again this year install a special event station in the hobby section of the Pretoria International show and will be on the air from 21 August till 1 September during the hours 10:00 till 22:00 SAST. The following modes will be used, HF SSB on 40 and 80 Metre, 2 Metre FM, 2 Metre SSTV, packet radio ZS0DLD and weather images via ZS6CC. Special events are also planned. Everyone is invited to visit our station ZS6MRK or to conduct a QSO with us.

Magalies Radioamateurklub again presents RAE classes for the forthcoming examination at their clubhouse in Waverley Pretoria. The clubhouse is situated on the corner of Breyer Avenue and Mill Street. The classes are presented every Saturday from 14:00 till 16:00. Study material is available at reasonable prices. For more information contact George ZS6NE at 012 664-4155 or Marten ZS6ZY at 012 332-2104.

WEST RAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The West Rand Amateur Radio Club will hold their Spring Bootsale on Saturday 31st August. The venue is the West Rand Clubhouse in Kroton street Weltevredenpark. The gates will open at 12:00. Should you need more details please contact Dave ZR6AOC on 083 449 8991. See you at the best bootsale in the west.

RUSTENBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

It gives the council of the SARL great pleasure to welcome the first branch of the SARL.

At the past council meeting an application for Branch status was received from the Rustenburg amateur radio club to be registered as the first Branch of the SARL.

The application is in accordance with the constitution of the SARL that makes provision for the formation of branches.

All the members of the Rustenburg amateur radio club are members of the SARL as well as Hamnet.

The club is the first to apply under the new rules and will be known as Branch No1 = Rustenburg branch of the SARL.

This is a great initiative of the members in Rustenburg to assist and support the SARL and show their commitment to the SARL and to amateur radio.

The committee for the Rustenburg Branch of the SARL is as follows.

Leon Burger ZR6BUR Chairman; Frans Keulder ZS6BXL V-Chairman; Erik Charlsund ZS6AWS Secretary; Hans Potgieter ZS6ALJ Treasurer; Grant Robertse ZR6GSR Member; Grant Muller ZR6GVM " Henry Rood ZS6IIX "

The Council wishes the Branch all the best for the future and is proud to have its members take this important step.

Well done Rustenburg !

From the President to the Rustenburg branch:

The Council of the SARL would like to congratulate the Rustenburg radio amateurs in their decision to change from their club status to that of a branch status. This step makes them the first club to revert back to a branch of the SARL. As they are the first club to make this change they will be known as Branch 1 of the SARL. Council would like to congratulate the new committee and wish them luck in the new challenges which lie ahead.

CAPE TOWN AMATEUR RADIO CENTRE

The Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre AGM was held at the end of July and the following committee was elected for 2002 - 2003:

Chairman - Bud Voortman ZS1B; Vice Chairman - Matt Greyvenstein ZS1MJJ; Secretary - Peter Henochsberg ZR1PH; Treasurer - Barry Fletcher ZS1FJ; Awards - Tony McEwen ZR1T; Clubhouse Manager - Hugo Friedman ZS1HSF; Hamnet Representative - Andrew Perrins ZR1SBM; Projects - Matt Greyvenstein ZS1MJJ; Public Relations - Dave Reece ZS1DFR; Ragchew Editor - Deon Erwin ZR1DQ; RF Interference / Antenna Legislation - Deon Erwin ZR1DQ; Special Events - Matt Greyvenstein ZS1MJJ; Training - Andrew Roos ZS1AN; Webmaster - Deon Erwin ZR1DQ.

CTARC RAE COURSE

The Club is presenting a course in Cape Town to prepare candidates for the Radio Amateur Exam in October 2002. Any candidate is welcome to attend and the training convenor may be contacted on telephone 021-6852841. The course details, curriculum and other Club information is available on the Club website at www.qsl.net/zs1ct.

PRETORIA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

At its Committee meeting held last Thursday, The Pretoria Amateur Radio Club has allotted the following portfolios to Committee members:

Chairman, SARL liason Hans ZS6KR; Vice Chairman, Social and Awards Bill ZS6KO; Secretary and rallies Johan ZR6JHB; Treasurer Doreen ZR6DDB; Website and Watts editor Rudi ZS6DX; Watts assistant editor Peter ZR6PWT; Clubhouse Richard ZR6CK; Fleamarkets and RAE Almero ZR6RY; Projects and repeater custodian Hans ZR6HVG; Public relations Katti ZS6KVR.

Co-opted members:

RAE Brian ZR6BJS; Repeater maintainance Willie ZS6AEA; Fleamarkets Willie ZR6WGR; Rallies Johann ZR6YV; Auditor Egbert ZS6AZG.

INTECNET BACK ON THE AIR

The SARL Intecnet 2002 sponsored by Telkom and Sentech is back on the air. The first in the 2002 second series will be on the air tonight, Sunday 18 August at 20:00 on 3215 KHz and on many repeaters around South Africa.

The topic for discussion will be lightning protection for the amateur station. The speaker will be Ron Block WB2UYT, Chairman of the Amateur Radio Station Grounding Forum at the Dayton Hamvention and a popular speaker at American Clubs. He recent authored a two part series on the subject in QST.

Clubs wishing to be connected to the interactive link and to carry the programme on their repeaters are requested to send their details to armi@sarl.org.za. Hans ZS6AKV will be hosting the net. The following details are required: telephone number to connect to, name of contact person and his or her telephone number, and repeater frequency. For technical reasons no cell phones can be used for the connection. Please let Hans know your details before 12:00 today by e-mail.

This bulletin was compiled by Martin, ZS6ABU and read by.....fromas a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 21560, 9750 and 7082 kHz and 145,625MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban and 145,750 MHz in the Pretoria area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 20:00 CAT on 3215 kHz. ARMI is sponsored by Telkom and Sentech.

Also join the SARL President's net which is on the air at noon on Sundays on 7082 kHz.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also a big word of thanks to those persons supply news for these bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone.